

Appln. No.: 10/091,553
Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

(col. 1, lines 44-48) and Kataoka discloses a winder with a winding torque adjuster (col. 1, lines 49-55). However, though Kataoka discloses controlling tension and winding torque, Kataoka does not disclose Applicants' conditions 1, 2, 3 or 4, as admitted by the Examiner. Applicants submit that the teaching to optimize must come from the prior art. *In re Antoine*, 195 U.S.P.Q 6 (C.C.P.A. 1977). Here, there is no teaching in Kataoka to optimize the conditions in Applicants' claimed invention such as the thickness with respect to tension, the rotational velocity with respect to tension, the elasticity with respect to tension, or the thickness with respect to an angle. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claimed invention is not obvious over Kataoka. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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